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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PURCHASES OF CHINESE SOYBEANS

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1. SUMMARY: CURRENT OPINION OF MOST IN SOYBEAN INDUSTRY AND TRADE IS THAT JAPANESE IMPORTS OF PRC SOYBEANS DURING CY 1976 COULD TOTAL ONLY ABOUT 10,000 TONS MORE THAN THE 102,500 TONS ALREADY SHIPPED OR CONTRACTED FOR. A GOOD FALL HARVEST MIGHT ALTER THIS SLIGHTLY, BUT REPORTS ARE THAT MOST OF THE OCT-DEC NEEDS FOR FOOD USES HAVE ALREADY BEEN COVERED BY PURCHASES OF US BEANS.

2. ONE EXCEPTION TO THIS IS THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY THE JAPAN MISO ASSN. THE ASSN PREDICTS THAT ANOTHER 20,000-30,000 TONS EACH WILL BE IMPORTED THRU BOTH THE MEMORANDUM TRADE AND FRIENDLY TRADE CHANNELS THIS YEAR.

3. SOYBEAN DEALERS HERE SPECULATE THAT THE DECLINE IN CHINA'S SOYBEAN EXPOTS TO JAPAN IS TRACEABLE AT LEAST IN PART TO THE CURRENT POLITICAL TURMOIL IN CHINA. JAPANESE DEMAND IS EXPECTED TO GROW STEADILY AND DEALERS WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE CHINESE SOYBEANS AT LEAST TO THE LEVEL OF LAST YEAR'S

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CONTRACTS, BUT ARE PESSIMISTIC THAT SUPPLIES WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

4. CHINESE SOYBEAN SHIPMENTS TO JAPAN IN 1976:

MEMORANDUM TRADE		FRIENDLY	
AMOUNT		AMOUNT	
(METRIC TONS)	SHIPMENT	(METRIC TONS)	SHIPMENT
5,000	MAY	22,500	JAN-APR
10,000	JUN-JUL	35,000	FEB-MAY
15,000	JUL-SEP	15,000	JUL-SEP
30,000		72,500	

5. TOTAL IMPORTS OF BEANS FROM THE PC IN CYS 1974 AND 1975
TOTALLED 232,000 AND 240,000 TONS RESPECTIVELY AS REPORTED IN
AGR 6A OF APR 14, 1976.

6. STOCKS OF PRC SOYBEANS IN JAPAN AS OF JUNE 30 ARE REPORTED AS
10,500 MT. TOAL OF 9,300 MT HAVE BEEN SHIPPED FROM
PRC BUT NOT YET ARRIVED JAPAN. ABOUT 16,400 MT TO BE SHIPPED
FROM PRC LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST LEAVING BALANCE TO BE
SHIPPED OF ABOUT 17,700 MT.

7. CARRYOVER OF 1975 SHIPMENTS AND SHIPMENTS MADE OR TO BE MADE
THIS YEAR TOTALS ABOUT 128,000 MT. AVERAGE MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION
FOR DEC 1975 THRU JUNE 1976 WAS 18,300 MT. MONTHLY DISTRIBUTIONS
FOR JULY THRU NOVEMBER WILL BE CUT BACK TO ABOUT 10,000
MT.
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